

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Introduction**

By the present Amendment, claim 14 has been amended, and claims 11-13 canceled. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 14, and 15 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 14 are independent.

### **II. Office Action Summary**

In the Office Action of October 18, 2005, claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by either U.S. Patent No. 4,482,810 issued to Cook ("Cook") or U.S. Patent No. 6,271,852 issued to Kamiyama et al. ("Kamiyama"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-10 are allowed and that claims 14 and 15 are allowable, is noted with appreciation.

### **III. Rejections Under 35 USC §102**

Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by either Cook or Kamiyama. With respect to this rejection, the Office Action indicates that all of the features recited in the pending claims are disclosed by Cook.

Reference is directed to column 3, line 25 to column 4, line 2; column 7, line 67 to column 8, line 12; and claims 1-6. With respect to Kamiyama reference is directed to Figs. 30A and 30B, and column 3, line 35 to column 5, line 17.

By the present amendment, claims 11-13 have been canceled, thereby rendering this particular ground of rejection moot.

**IV. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Office Action further indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, Applicants have rewritten claim 14 in independent form and incorporated the subject matter previously recited in claim 11. Accordingly, claim 14 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 depends from independent claim 14, and is now believed to be in condition for allowance as well.

**V. Conclusion**


For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is believed in order, and courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.42915X00).

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